

PRAVAZ'S LANCET

A Little Instrument the Increasing Use of Which is Demoralizing the French.

The Demand so Great that the Manufacturers Can Scarcely Keep Up With It.

Two Tragic Illustrations of a Fate Which Surely Awaits the Victims of the Morphine Habit.

While the exposition is at the apogee of its glory, while the friends of republican France already congratulate the country on its inevitable triumph at the approaching elections, it may be well for lookers-on to understand the true condition of affairs in this "sunny land of France." Napoleon said: "In a century the inhabitants of Europe will be Cossacks or Republicans." Were Napoleon here to-day he could say: "In a century the century the French will be neither Cossacks nor Republicans—they will be swept out of existence."

I have before me a copy of the Journal Officiel with French statistics for 1888. The conclusion is alarming, even for the pessimists. There has been a diminution of marriages, an increase of divorces and a great increase of illegitimate births. Last year the number of marriages celebrated was several thousand less than in 1887, and 4,708 divorces were pronounced—1,738 more than in 1888 and 1,072 more than in 1887. In 1888 there were only 882,039 births—16,794 less than in 1887, 41,919 less than in 1886, 42,000 less than in 1885 and 55,119 less than in 1884. Under the Restoration, when in all France there were only 81,000,000 inhabitants—from 1819 to 1881—the average number of births was 21,000 more than in 1888.

In the department of the Seine, Paris and suburbs, one fourth of the births are illegitimate, and in the other departments the proportion of illegitimate births is very great. The Journal Officiel adds that were it not for these illegitimate births the population would be greatly diminished. These statistics should alarm the French nation, for very sad is the demographic situation of France.

Sadder still is the demoralization of the French people by Prava's lancet. It is deplorable, astonishing, the number of young people who are under the influence of the morphine habit. One meets them everywhere, sees their ruin—moral and physical—without the power to arrest them in their wild career. Every day we hear remarks like these: "Morphine may be an excuse for her strange behavior." "Perhaps her lack of vitality comes from morphine." "One cannot blame him for that falsehood, as he takes morphine." When morphine enters a room the one who inhales that room is contaminated to death, but when morphine is aided by cocaine, the end comes quickly.

The prick of the Prava's lancet is painful, and to relieve this pain a little cocaine is applied. Morphine is a poison, but cocaine is a triple poison. Prava's lancets have entirely taken the place of the ordinary morphine syringe and are made of silver, of gold, in the form of match-boxes, cigar-cases, etc. Those who have this death instrument for sale report that they are hardly able to satisfy the demand, and that the lancets are purchased even for presents.

Under my own observation have come some most horrible cases of morphinomania. One, and perhaps the saddest of all, was that of an American married to a French count. A few years ago, because of her beauty and intellect, she was the pride of her family and friends. Then her eyes became lusterless, her complexion pale, her beautiful golden hair a remembrance of the past, and her figure distorted and shapless. Worse than all, her intellect was darkened, and by those who knew her in other days she was called a "dangerous woman." So vivid was her imagination, so unreliable were her words, that she was shunned by those who once gladly called her friend. The end came, as it always comes to those afflicted with her malady, and when she lay in her coffin friends and relatives said, "It is better that she has gone."

To-day the once beautiful American girl lies in a French cemetery and her friends sigh, but with relief, as they speak of her on whose tomb might be written, "A Victim of Morphine."

The death of Jacques Damala, husband of Sarah Bernhardt, is a sad evidence of morphine's power. Jacques Damala was a Greek, a descendant of the king of Greece, and he was a Greek Legation in Italy, had debts innumerable and fought duels without number. His marriage with Sarah Bernhardt and the separation from the actress are too well known for recapitulation. To down his troubles M. Damala drank absinthe and brandy and smoked sometimes seventy cigarettes a day. Naturally, he was very ill after this dissipation, but a regimen of milk and water soon restored him to health.

One of his friends told me that when assailed by creditors, with no one upon whom he could call, his refuge was morphine, and for one year M. Damala lived in a miserable room, sleeping twenty-three hours out of twenty-four, his only companions a Prava's lancet and two bottles, one containing morphine, the other cocaine. He ate very little—for morphine replaces food—but every afternoon a dinner was brought to him from the most expensive restaurant in Paris. This poor man, heavily laden with debts, unable to buy himself the common necessities of life, unable to pay for a comfortable room, found means to dine as if the wealthiest are able to do.

But when Sarah Bernhardt returned to Paris she learned of her ex-husband's financial difficulties and of his abandonment to fate, offered him the first place in her troupe, and perhaps had not his friends ridiculed him for accepting aid from his wife, Jacques Damala to-day might be alive and a successful actor. He could not endure the criticisms coming from every quarter, the allusions to his lack of dignity, lack of pride, and to forget, he again took morphine. In Egypt he initiated signatures of physicians and thus obtained immense quantities of the poison. But until the troupe reached Milan Sarah Bernhardt did not suspect her husband's relapse. There she was informed that for one day at the hotel table M. Damala became furious; imagined that rats were on tables, chairs and even climbing on those dining; like a wild beast he threw himself upon the astonished travelers and attempted to tear off their clothing.

The frightened actress was obliged to return to Paris with her insane husband, and here her physicians prepared a composition sufficiently resembling morphine to deceive M. Damala himself. For the time he was saved, but when Sarah Bernhardt left her house in the Boulevard Pereire for rehearsal at the theatre she was careful to remove money and everything that might aid her husband in obtaining the poison, and a dressing gown was the only article of clothing she left near him. Alone, he brooded over his troubles, and one morning he rushed out of the house, protected only by the dressing-gown, intending to obtain morphine from a chemist in the

quarter, and proving himself strong enough to knock down the bewildered domestics wildly running after him. After this M. Damala consented to be placed in an asylum, but three days after he escaped, and from that time until his death there was no way of controlling his love for morphine. He imagined persecutions of all kinds, and ran around the garden firing pistol shots in all directions. But one day, after injecting an enormous quantity of morphine, he imagined that he saw heaven opening and angels descending—in this way his spirit took flight.

It is said that during two days M. Damala's face preserved an ecstatic expression, an expression that might have been called happy were it not for the bottles of morphine and cocaine and the twenty-three Prava's lancets found after the victim's death.

Will this sad ending of what might have been a brilliant career have a beneficial effect upon the countless numbers of Frenchmen and women who are fast following in M. Damala's footsteps? Ask the chemists who continue to sell the poison, and the physicians who will prescribe a remedy that kills for a pain that is but transitory.

MR. ELMER'S LONG LIFE.

He Has Lived Very Many Years and Always Been a Democrat.

Abram Ephraim Elmer, of Washington Mills, Oneida county, is said to be 125 years of age. He is probably the oldest man living in New York state, if not in the United States. He has very broad shoulders, and evidently has been a man of much strength, though only of average height. His face is full, but limbs thin. His eyesight has failed within the year. He is an inveterate user of tobacco, and says it is a great comfort to him. Mr. Elmer says he was born in Warren, Herkimer county, January 29, 1764. His parents had fifteen children, eight boys and seven girls, he being the oldest child. He learned the shoemaker's trade at the age of 12, and has worked at it more or less steadily up to within a year, when he was obliged to give it up on account of the failure of his eyesight. He was married at the age of 34, his wife being but 14. They had eleven children, of whom two girls are dead, and two sons were killed in the late war. The rest are living, so far as he knows, and are: Andrew, his youngest son, aged 22 years, and William, at Washington Mills; James, at Sagitt; Frank, at New Berlin; David, in Michigan; Harry, last heard from in Minnesota; and Esther, married in Saratoga. His oldest son would be 78 if alive.

He joined Gen. Herkimer's army as a waiter at the age of 13, and was with it at the battle of Oriskany. He received \$8 per month for his services. He has lived at Morrisville, Maple Orchard, West Emmet, Peter Hook, Franklin, Iron Works, Ligon, Sagitt, Truxton, Leonardville, Miller's Mills, Bridgewater, North Brookfield and Washington Mills. He has always been a democrat.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale in my hands issued out of the district court of the first judicial district of Montana territory, in and for the county of Lewis and Clark, in the suit of Alfred Hunt against Bridget Dearing, duly attested the 24th day of September, 1890, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the said Bridget Dearing in and to the following described property, situated in Lewis and Clark county, Montana territory, viz:

Lot No. five (5), in block No. nine (9), in the town of Marysville, in the county of Lewis and Clark territory of Montana, and lot being fifty (50) feet front on Grand street and one hundred (100) feet in depth according to the plat of said town of Marysville in the office of the county clerk and recorder if said Lewis and Clark county, Montana territory.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1890, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, of said day, at the front door of the court house, city of Helena, Lewis and Clark county, Montana territory, I will sell and at right, title and interest of the said Bridget Dearing in and to the said above described property, to the highest bidder for cash in hand & c.

Given under my hand this 27th day of September, A. D. 1890. CHAS. M. JEFFERS, Sheriff.

By ISAAC HOLBROOK, Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of James M. McAvoy, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the estate of James McAvoy, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said executor at his residence, Ten Mile creek, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in the county of Lewis and Clark.

PELIX LUNDREY, Executor of the estate of James McAvoy, deceased. Dated Helena, A. M. T., Oct. 4, 1890.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT., Sept. 11, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Helena, Mont., on October 15, 1890, viz: Eli W. McNeal on homestead entry No. 3,769, for the s. e. 1/4, n. e. 1/4, n. w. 1/4, s. e. 1/4, s. w. 1/4, sec. 17, Twp. 10, N. R. 2, E. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. Bert S. Price, William A. Ramsey, Johnnie S. Jones, on November 18, 1890; Edwin M. Culver, of Jefferson City, Mont.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT., Sept. 30th, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Helena, A. T., on November 18, 1890, viz: Cyrus Clapp, who made D. No. 5091, C. E. 2,035 for the s. w. 1/4, n. w. 1/4, s. w. 1/4, sec. 18, Twp. 10, N. R. 2, E. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edwin E. Jameson, of Chebuct, M. T.; Charles M. Spaulding, of St. Clair, M. T.; Thomas L. Graham, of St. Clair, M. T.; John A. Harris, of Chebuct, M. T.

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Stockholder's Meeting.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Mining Co. for the election of trustees and on all other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of A. K. Barbour (Masonic building), Helena, Montana, on Thursday, October 10, 1890, at 7:30 P. M.

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